

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday August 10, 2020 7:00 pm**

***Our Town Board meeting is not open to the public due to Pause New York. The meeting can be seen live via the internet at Zoom.com or the Hoosick New York Facebook Page, note there is a Facebook link through the Town of Hoosick Web- Site [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).***

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** William Hanselman, Jerry McAuliffe, Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, and Jackie Houghton

**Previous Meeting(s) Minutes-** have been reviewed by the board and are available from the Town Clerk or [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) .

**Reports-** Monthly Operating Statement, Abstract of Vouchers, and Revenues have been issued to the Town Board, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Assessor and Recreation Supervisor.

**Welcome/Public Comments-** Open time to share thoughts, concerns, and announcements with the Board that are Town related. Please limit remarks to 3 minutes.

- **We answered public questions throughout the meeting as they come in.**
- **Kim Brownell-Cheney** Library updates. The lot for the Library is complete and has been striped. There are a lot of fictions, non-fiction books along with magazines that can be checked out. There are computers for use. There is a 20 minute max limit on the computers. There are fax machines, copy machines and many other uses at the library.
- **Ken LaPorte**-Ken was not at the meeting, but the Board was updated on the issue from the plant near his mother's house in North Hoosick. The smell is still coming from the plant. Another letter will be sent and a follow up visit from Fran to go up and inspect.

**COVID-19 Review, effects and discussion**

- NYS Coronavirus hotline: 888-364-3065
- NYS Coronavirus emotional support hotline: 844-863-9314
- NYS Coronavirus website: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>

**Basic Precautions**

- Practice Social Distancing.... Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Staying home when you are sick.
  - Covering your coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
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- Constantly practicing good hand hygiene.

### **Correspondence/Announcements -**

- **No Correspondence or Announcements this month**

### **Town Clerk's Report**

- **Monthly Report**-The Clerk's report for the month of June is as follows: \$25,155.25, remitted to the Supervisor was \$24,539.33. July Clerk's report is as follows: \$4,549.00, remitted to the Supervisor was \$4,272.56.

- **Facilities Use Request-**

Immaculate Conception Church to use Athletic Field & Rink for Cow Plop, Antique Car Show, Vendor booths October 11<sup>th</sup> 7am-4pm.

#### **MOTION**

Hanselman made the motion to approve the Immaculate Conception Church to use Athletic Field & Rink for Cow Plop, Antique Car Show, Vendor booths October 11<sup>th</sup> 7am-4pm. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- Hoosick Falls First Baptist Church to use pool for short Baptism Service August 16<sup>th</sup> 11 am-11:30 am.

#### **MOTION**

Hanselman made the motion to approve the Hoosick Falls First Baptist Church to use pool for short Baptism Service August 16<sup>th</sup> 11 am-11:30 am. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Mail Machine**- We received pricing on different machines from Sendtek. Holli will review this and see which one would be the best option for the Town. The Board will review at the next board meeting.

### **Assessor's Report**

- Tony was watching the meeting. Nothing really to go over at this time.

### **Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- **Beck Road**- The board discussed paving only a portion of Beck Road or if it would be more cost effective to pave the entire road. Supervisor Surdam stated that there is money to move around from the equipment fund and DB fund to do the entire road. The board agreed to do the entire road as this seemed to be the more cost effective way.

#### **MOTION**

Sheffer made the motion to pave the entire Beck Road. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

### **Town Historian**

- Phil stated that the Museum is now open every day from 11-2. The Museum is featuring Local Artists. On July 16<sup>th</sup> the museum had on display Barbara Gifford paintings. August 16<sup>th</sup> the 242<sup>nd</sup> Battle of the Walloomsac will be held at 4pm. August 20<sup>th</sup> there will be photographs by Donny Betit for purchase from 4pm-8pm. Chenette Brown from Schenectady may be featured in September. A professor of Delaware Valley Agriculture came to see the Walter A Wood Machine on display at the Museum. He is teaching about this particular

machine in his class. Councilman McAuliffe will be discussing the “Purple Heart” presentation that was on August 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 78 people who attended.

### **Recreation**

- **Pool & Summer Camp Reports-** Kim Brownell stated that the pool lifeguards had a night where they worked on scenarios’ at the pool using their learned lifeguarding skills. All did well. Swimming lessons are going well. All of the patrons like the early morning start at 7:30 for Adult morning swim. Pool admissions have been down this year and COVID has affected this.

Ashley updated the Board with the Camp report. Everything seems to be going well. No issues thus far.

- **Additional Pool Appointments- Lifeguards Matthew Hart & Daniel Hunt**

#### **MOTION**

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the 2 additional lifeguards to finish out the two weeks for the pool. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **We did receive our Camp Permit & have had our 1<sup>st</sup> Camp Inspection-** The camp inspection went well there were no violations. The permit was issued.
- **WSI Class-** Class is all set for the last weekend of August at the pool.
- **Pool Handicap Lift-** The board discussed the Handicap lift at the pool. Supervisor Surdam stated that the battery is the only thing that needed to be replaced. You cannot just buy the battery and you needed to by the battery and receiver which the cost was \$1,400. With only two weeks left at the pool Supervisor Surdam thought it would be a good idea to wait to see if the pricing would come down for this.

### **Supervisor Surdam’s Report**

- Worked on the monthly meeting agenda and meeting prep.
- Spoke at the Purple Heart Ceremony held in the Village Park.
- Daily pool maintenance.

### **Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-** Eric and Bill met with Marianne and Rick regarding the armory lease agreement. This is just at the beginning stages. The Water meeting met this past month. The people are looking for information on the health studies that were conducted and the water source that will be used for the Village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Councilperson McAuliffe-** Jerry attended the Purple Heart presentation and stated that it was well attended. Jerry also stated that the trains coming through are slow. There is a piece of the track that is still a big concern and looks very dangerous. Supervisor Surdam states that they are inspecting the track twice a week to make sure that there are no issues. Bruce Patire contacted the train representative and asked for a copy of the report. He was told that they will get back to him. Senator Jordan, Assemblyman Jake Ashby (Tom) and Peter who is the Veteran Rep for Rensselaer County were all present for the Purple Heart presentation.

**Councilperson Hanselman-** Manchester Carpet Care cannot help with racking the turf. He does not have the proper equipment to rack the turf and it would be costly to get the proper attachments to do the job properly. Bill will have to work something else out to get the turf racked before winter.

**Councilperson Houghton-** Nothing at this time. The Town of Hoosick Hand Book was discussed and Supervisor Surdam had questions regarding some of the information in the handbook. There is a workshop set up for discussion on the handbook on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**New Business**

- **2020 Inner Budget Transfer as requested Resolution #50- Motion to approve**  
**MOTION**  
Sheffer made the motion to approve the Inner Budget Transfer Resolution #50. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.
- **2020 Budget Modification for approved Resolution #51 Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad contract increase- Motion to approve.**  
**MOTION**  
McAuliffe made the motion to approve the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad contract increase Resolution #51. Hanselman seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. All ayes carried.
- **Peddlers Permit Questions-** Jonathan continues to work on updating the Peddlers permit law. He will have the changes ready for the September meeting.
- **Phillip Wofford Painting-** Supervisor Surdam was not sure who to call regarding the painting. He was in contact with the Historical Society and Marianne but neither wanted it. Sheffer made the suggestion to contact Civicure regarding the painting.
- **2019 Hoosick Historical Society Annual Report for 2019 is available.** Joyce provided the report to Mark.

**Old Business**

- **On-Line General Town Code-** Laws have all been sent to Jonathan for review and to forward to appropriate person. There are some laws that will need to be repealed.
- **2020 Census- Census workers will begin knocking on doors soon.** Supervisor Surdam states that only 60% of the people have responded to the census. There will be Census workers coming around to the ones that have not answered the questions to the census.
- **Updating Land Use Law Commercial vs. Personal Use-** Sheffer stated that he had a lot of questions regarding the way the answer was worded and stated that if the vote needed to happen tonight his would be no. The board further discussed and decided to table the acceptance until further clarification could be obtained.
- **New Town of Hoosick Employment Practices Manual & Compensation & Benefits Manual- Motion to approve-** There is a workshop scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

*For specific questions about the public water supply: Email: [bpwsp@health.ny.gov](mailto:bpwsp@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7650*

For specific questions about private wells: Email: [beei@health.ny.gov](mailto:beei@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7860  
For specific questions about blood testing: Email: [beoe@health.ny.gov](mailto:beoe@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7950  
New York State Water Quality Hotline, 800-801-8092, is available, Monday-Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm.

**Scheduled Meetings-**

**Scheduled Meetings- Zoning Board** meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month. These meetings are held at 7pm in the Court Room of the HAYC3 Armory. **This month the Planning Board meeting and the Zoning Board meeting will be held via ZOOM just as the regular monthly meeting was held.** Meeting minutes are available online @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

- **Executive Session- Motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, lease for the Armory and Eagle Bridge Track issue.**

**MOTION**

Houghton made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:15pm. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Exited from Executive session**

**MOTION**

Sheffer made the motion to exit executive session at 8:57 pm. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

**Adjournment**

Houghton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:57pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #8 2020 Vouchers 298-346**

General A	\$	28,826.84
General B	\$	13,887.65
Highway DA	\$	137.39
Highway DB	\$	10,987.63
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	750.26
Total:	\$	58,624.83

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross  
Town Clerk